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SUBJ: PRC DELEGATION RAISES CAMBODIAN AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE

ISSUES AT KUALA LUMPUR WHO CONFERENCE

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1. SUMMARY: CHINESE DELEGATION TO 25TH WHO REGIONAL MEETING IN KL HAS NOT GONE BEYOND PRO FORMA PROTESTS AT PRESENCE GKR AND GVN DELEGATIONS. MALAYSIANS HAVE GIVEN GREATER ATTENTION TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRC THAN OTHER DELS BOTH IN PRESS AND AT MEETING BUT THIS NOT

SURPRISING IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE GOM ATTACHES TO RECENT OPENING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND IMMINENT EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO GKR EMBASSY AND US WHO DELEGATION, THREE MAN PRC DELEGATION TO 25TH REGIONAL WHO CONFERENCE HERE PUBLICALLY PROTESTED PRESENCE OF GKR AND GVN AND ABSENCE GRUNK AND PRG DELEGATIONS AT OPENING SESSION OF MEETING SEPT 5. CHINESE DEL LEADER DR. CHEN HAI FENG FIRST ATTEMPTED REGISTER PROTEST IMMEDIATELY AFTER PRIME MINISTER RAZAK ENDED HIS ADDRESS OF WELCOME AT CEREMONIAL OPENING SESSION SEPT 2 BUT WAS NOT RECOGNIZED BY CHAIR. AFTER TEA BREAK AND OPENING FIRST PLENARY, CHEN MADE PROTEST AND WAS ANSWERED BY GVN REP WHO REJECTED PRC ASSERTIONS. GKR DELEGATION REP MADE HIS REBUTTAL SOMEWHAT LATER SAME DAY. CHINESE WALKED OUT OF MEETING DURING REBUTTALS. CHEN REPEATED REMARKS ON GKR IN INTERVIEW REPORTED KL NEW STRAITS TIMES (NST) SEPT 5. THIS APPEARED BE ONLY INTRUSION OF POLITICAL ISSUES INTO WHAT HAS OTHERWISE BEEN PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL MEETING.

3. CHINESE DELEGATION HAS RECEIVED SOMEWHAT SPECIAL HANDLING IF COMPARED WITH OTHER DELS. DELEGATION CHIEF CHEN AND ASSOCIATES, DR. SUNG KAN AND MR. LI CHING HSIU, WERE RECEIVED BY PM FOR WHAT NST DESCRIBED IN SEPT 3 PICTURE CAPTION AS "A CHAT AMONG FRIENDS". IN SEPT 5 NST INTERVIEW, CHEN REPORTEDLY ALSO STATED PRC MAY SEND MEDICAL TEAM TO MALAYSIA TO "FOSTER CLOSE RELATIONS" AND ASSERTED CHINA DID NOT TAKE WHO AID BECAUSE FEELS THIS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO DC'S WHOSE GOVT'S, UNLIKE CKR, REPRESENT PEOPLE.

4. COMMENT: SPECIAL HANDLING GIVEN TO PRC WHO DELS NOT SURPRISING IN VIEW IMPORTANCE ASSIGNED TO OPENING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN GOM AND PRC BY PRIME MINISTER AND IMMINENT DEPARTURE OF FIRST GOM DIPLOMATS TO PEKING. PRESUME THAT, AS IN US, FIRST CHINESE DIPS WILL RECEIVE STAR BILLING IN LOCAL MEDIA WHEN THEY ARRIVE HERE NEXT WEEK.

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